

Sermon Notes

An encouragement to press on

1 Timothy 6:1-11

Intro: how should we feel when Bible-teaching sounds a bit bossy?

e.g. wardrobes, prayer lives, gender roles, care for relatives, “private” life...
now work & wallets!

Timothy (& elders) must teach, urge and exemplify godliness

6:2b (cf. 4:6, 4:11, 4:15, 5:1)

The workplace...

1. Honour your boss for God's sake

6:1-2

- a. Whether they are currently outside the church family v1
- b. Or inside v2

The wolves...

2. Beware anyone who teaches differently to Jesus (and his apostles)...

6:3-5

- i. They are proud v4
- ii. They are ignorant v4 (cf. 6:20, 1:7)
- iii. They cause disagreement and disunity v4
- iv. Because they no longer listen to or teach what leads to real godliness v3,v5 (cf. 4:1-2)

The wallet...

3. And realise false teaching is often about the money

6:5-10

- i. A huge gain of real godliness is contentment vv6-8
- ii. Whereas desire for money and being rich is deeply dangerous vv9-10

Conclusion: chase something better than money, Timothy

6:11